

Submitted to the Montana Legislature  
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## We will regret gov't decisions

Mark my words: We as a state and as a nation are going to regret very much two recent decisions by our governments — state, local and national. First, and the biggie for Montana, is legalizing marijuana via the so-called medical marijuana law. Already it is causing crimes to be committed via some doctors and providers and potential patients cheating in the system, burglaries and robberies at growing facilities, a serious life-threatening beating of a possible thief (maybe a totally innocent one), and teens getting easy access to pot via those with the green cards.

An article in the Dec. 1 Chronicle, headlined "NHTSA: Drugs in 1 in 5 drivers killed." Is not the carnage caused by drunk driving enough to make us wise enough to draw the line in the sand now? I was just at a major bookstore here in town and much to my surprise there are three different magazines being published about growing and using marijuana. What a waste of our national treasure and our younger minds.

Second, what we will regret is the repeal by our lame-duck Congress and

our dense president of the military "Don't ask, don't tell policy." Now a whole new can of worms has been opened, and imagine this one small example: Male and female military personnel will probably now want to get "married" and then apply for joint housing on military bases. That is just what we need now when my daughter and son-in-law (who are now in Afghanistan) returns in four months and cannot get base housing for a family of four.

Our Congress and president are obviously out of touch with reality and are just trying to appease their liberal base. Woe be unto them.

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